

## **Purpose of the Report Card**

Tennessee Code Annotated 49-5-108 specifies that the State Board of Education “with the assistance of the department of education and the Tennessee higher education commission, shall develop a report card or assessment on the effectiveness of teacher training programs.

The State Board is directed to “annually evaluate performance of each institution of higher education providing an approved program of teacher training and other state board approved teacher training programs”. The performance is meant to “focus on the performance of each institution's graduates and shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- Placement and retention rates;
- Performance on PRAXIS examinations or other tests used to identify teacher preparedness; and
- Teacher effect data created pursuant to § 49-1-606.

Each teacher training institution and each LEA is directed to report all data as requested by the state board of education that the board needs to make such an evaluation. The report card or assessment shall be issued no later than November 1 of each year. The first report card or assessment shall be issued no later than November 1, 2008.